

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 3018 - SB 2946

February 25, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits any rule or regulation promulgated by the Tennessee Higher Commission (THEC) from becoming effective until a public hearing is held before the entire Commission on the proposed rule or regulation. Requires notice to be given to all affected institutions with each being given an opportunity to present evidence in support of or in opposition to the rule or regulation.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$2,500

Assumptions:

- Currently, THEC meets on a quarterly basis. Any rule-making meeting will be held a special called meeting or in a separate meeting the day prior to or following the regular quarterly meeting.
- Tenn. Code Ann. Section 49-7-204(f)(3) requires THEC meetings to be available through streaming video accessible through their website. This service is obtained through the Video Services Office of the Department of Finance and Administration.
- The rates for the first two hours for video streaming is \$380 and equipment is \$220. The rates after two hours is \$78 per hour.
- An additional four hour meeting each year will require two additional hours at a cost of \$156 (\$78 per hour x 2 hours) for a total video streaming cost of \$756 (\$380 + \$220 + \$156).
- The average per diem for Commission members for one additional day will be \$1,695. This average is based on the actual cost of the previous two commission meetings of January 2012 (\$1,493) and November 2011 (\$1,897).
- The increase in state expenditures for each additional rule-making meeting will be \$2,451 (\$756 + \$1,695).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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